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4th Sunday in Advent
Divine Service IV
December 20, 2020

"The child to be born
will be holy;
he will be called
Son of God."

Luke 1:35, NRSV

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Today at 1:30p.m.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES
You must register for the worship service you would like to attend on Christmas Eve. The times are 3:00pm, 5:00pm & 7:00pm. Please call the church office to register.

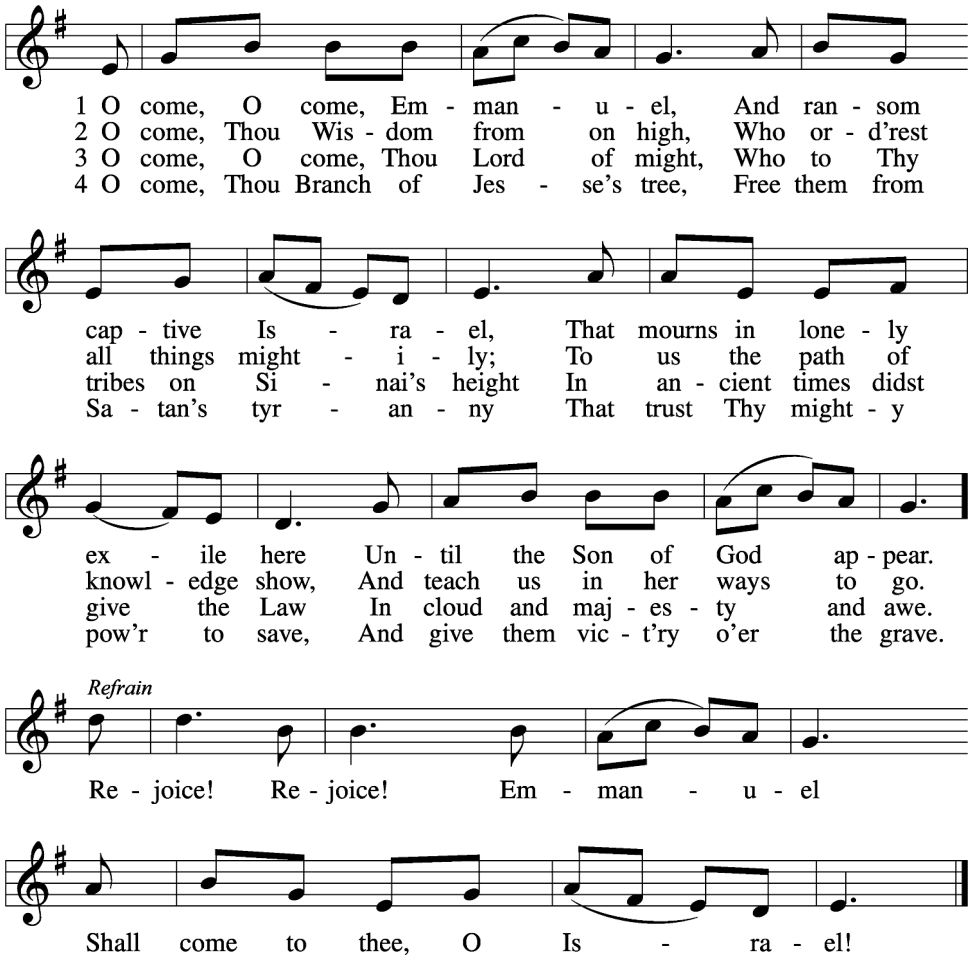
Our Christmas Day worship service is at 9:30am. You do not have to register for the Christmas Day Service.

NEW YEARS EVE WORSHIP
Join us for our New Year's Eve Worship Service at 6:30pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE
Our Sunday school is selling beautiful Christmas cards at a GREAT price. Cards are on the card table in the Narthex. Please put your payment in the money box that is provided.

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

OPENING HYMN : 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. Refrain

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

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Please rise

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen.
Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.
Pastor: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Congregation: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: *Let us kneel and confess our sins to God our Father*.

Congregation: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, Holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

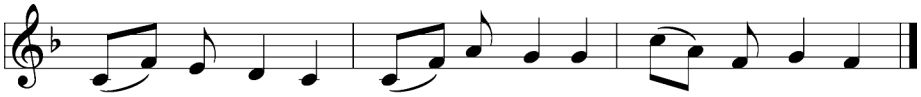
Congregation: **Amen.**

Please rise

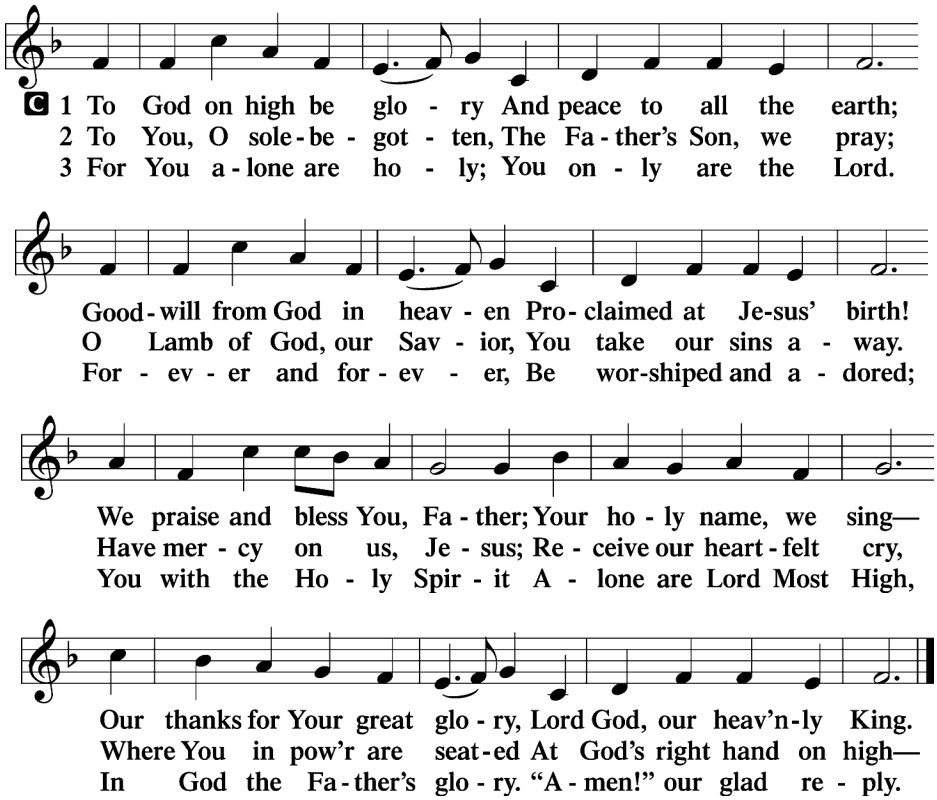
THE INTROIT: **(We read together)**

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness;
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.
The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness;
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.

Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis



SALUTATION:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT: (Pastor)

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: ***2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16***

1Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his sur rounding enemies, 2the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." 3And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."

4But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, 5"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? 6I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. 7In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"' 8Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. 9And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. . .

16And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE: ***Romans 16:25–27***

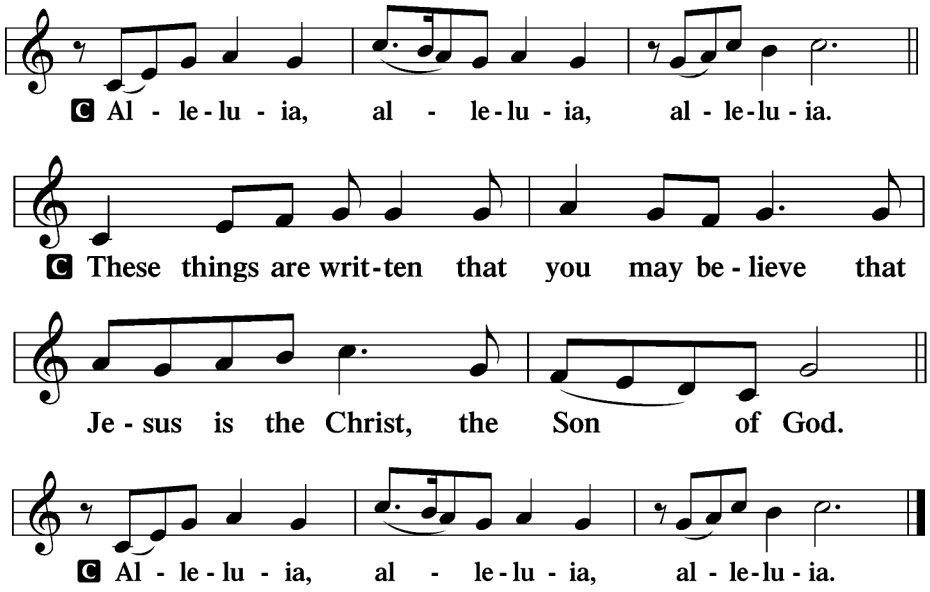
25Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages 26but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— 27to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise for the Alleluia and Verse

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE:



HOLY GOSPEL: ***Luke 1:26–38***

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 1st chapter beginning at verse 26.

Congregation: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

26In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. 28And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" 29But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. 30And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31And be hold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

34And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" 35And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. 36And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37For nothing will be impossible with God." 38And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

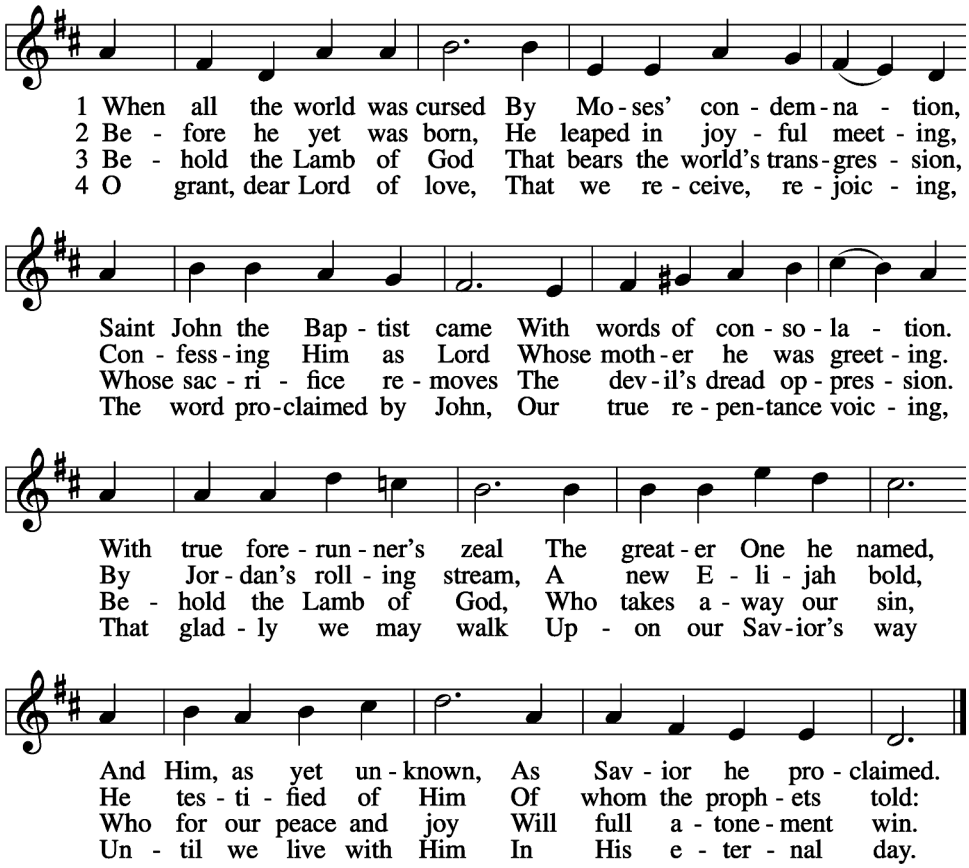
Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED: (we confess together)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Please be seated

SERMON HYMN: 346 When All the World Was Cursed



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Please Rise

SERMON—Please be seated for the sermon

Please rise

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE COMMUNION LITURGY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

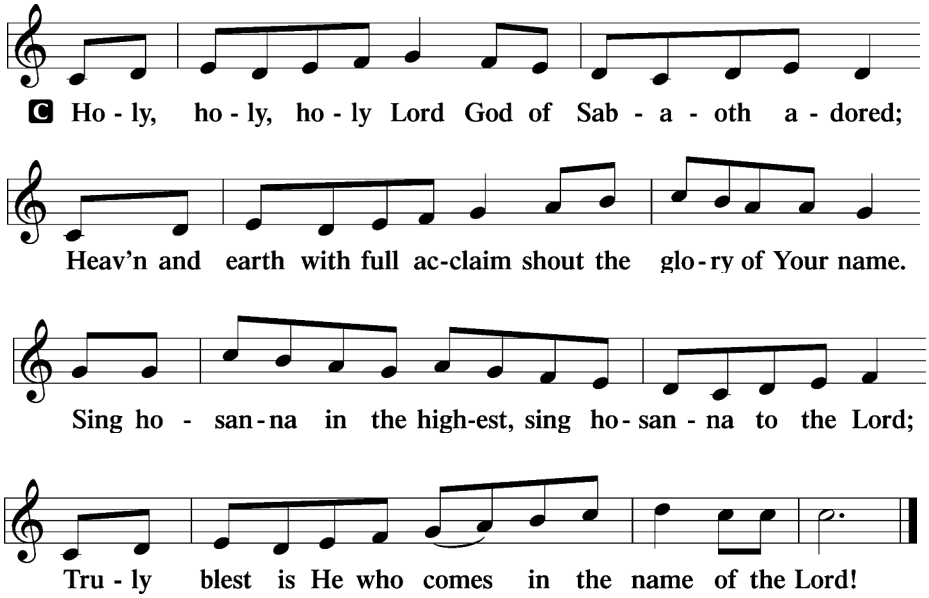
Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

Congregation: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS: Holy, Holy, Holy



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

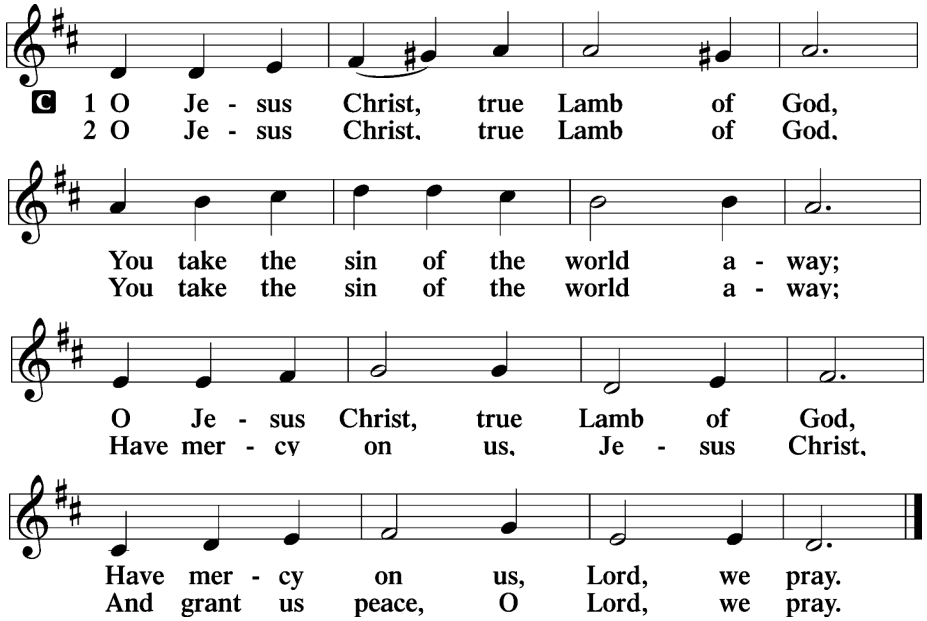
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: Amen.

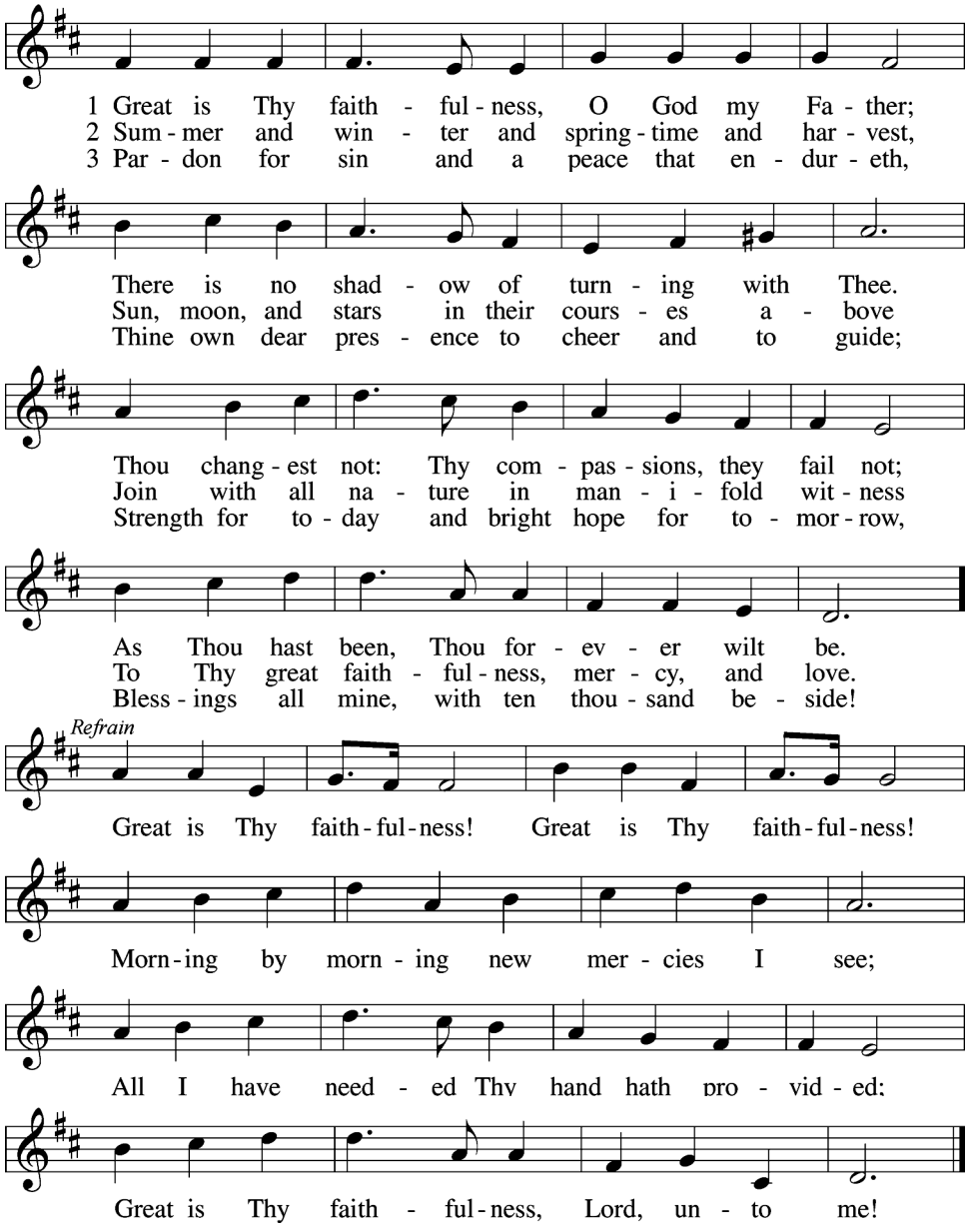
AGNUS DEI Lamb of God



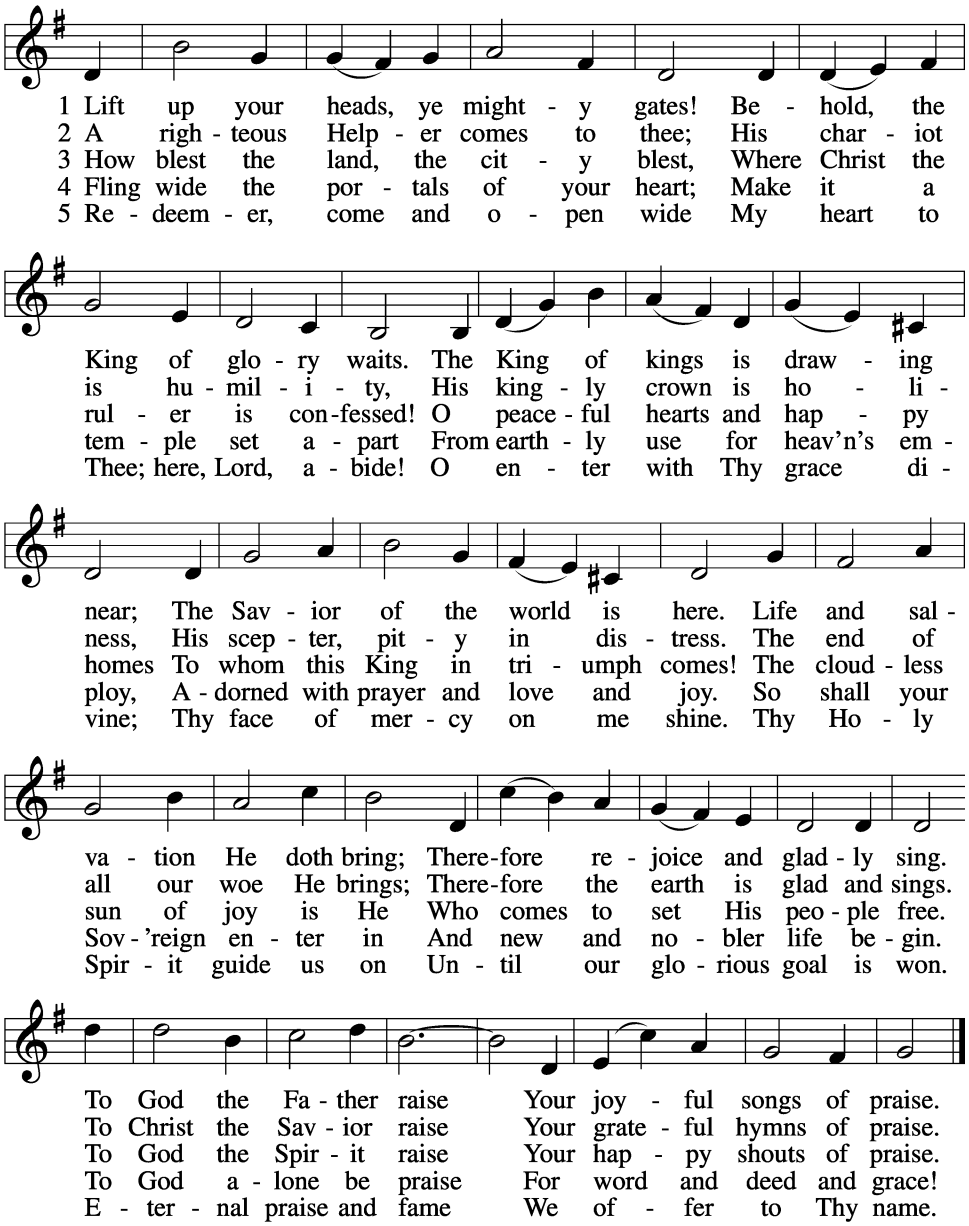
DISTRIBUTION: *(Please be seated)*

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

HYMN 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



HYMN 341: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates



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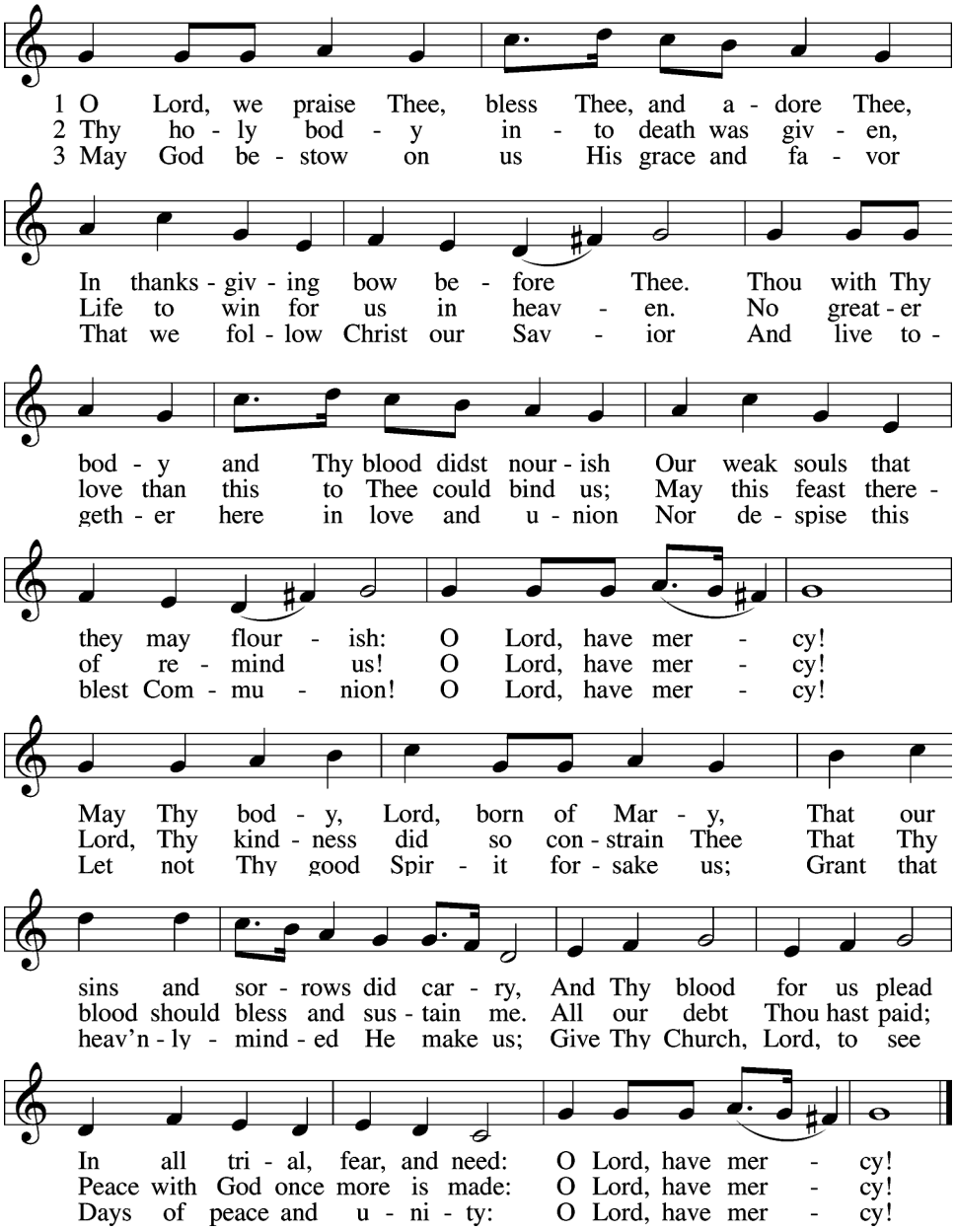
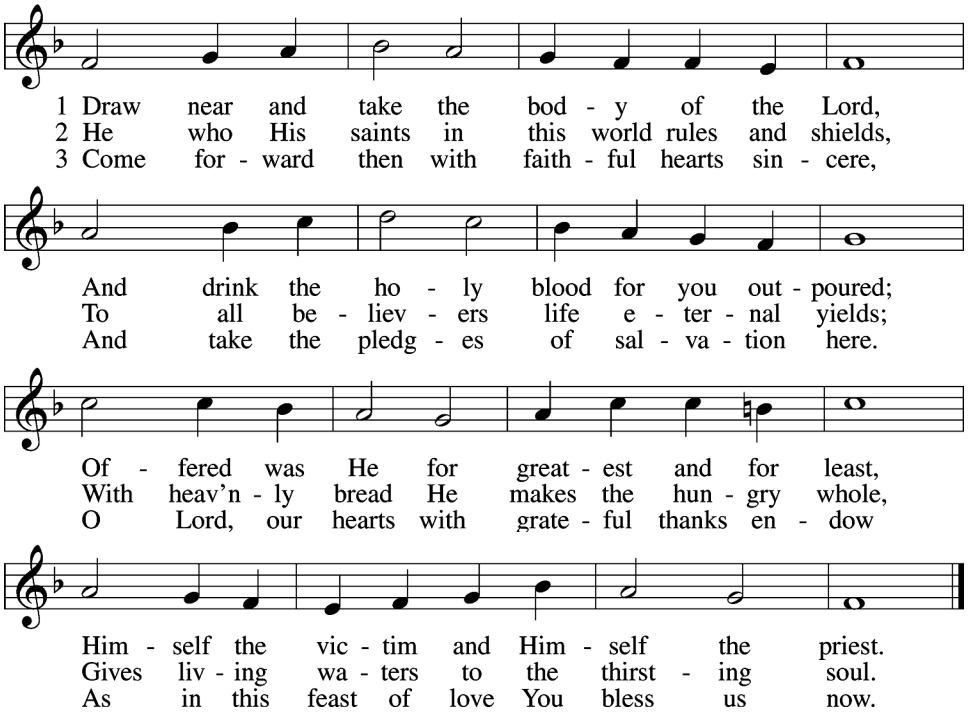
Fourth Sunday in Advent

HYMN: 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



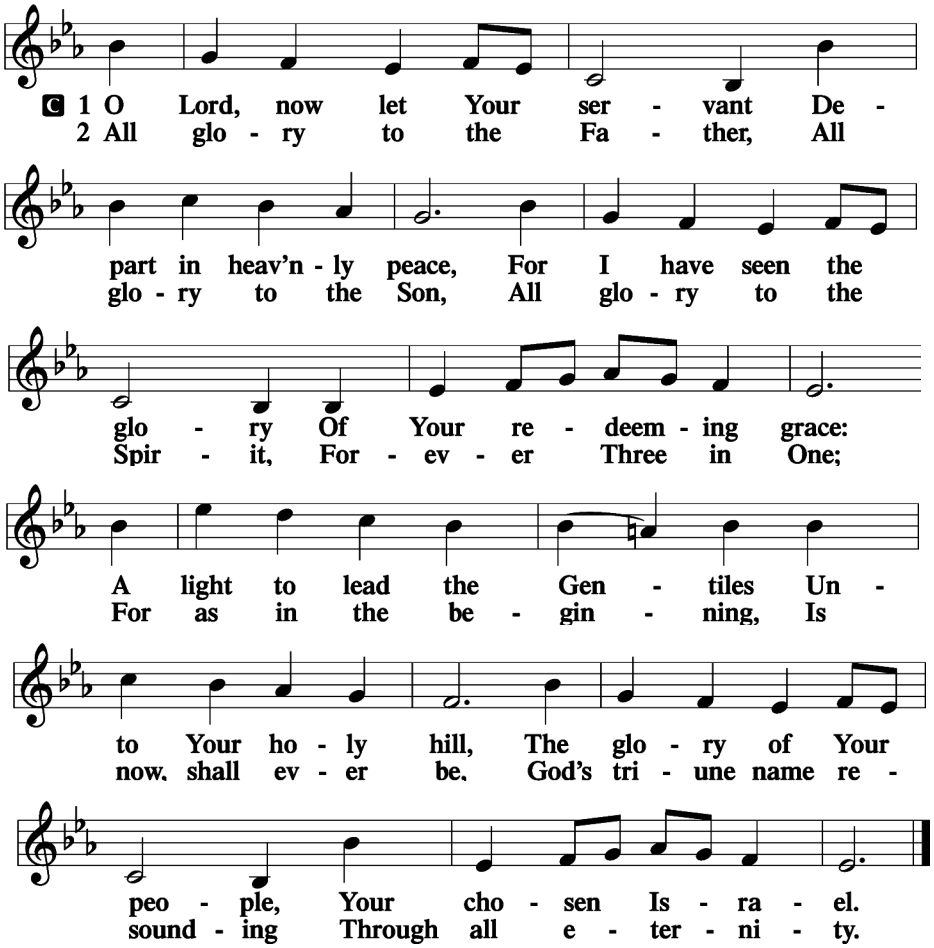
HYMN: 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



Please rise

THE DISMISSAL

NUNC DIMITTIS: ***Song of Simeon***



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

BENEDICTION

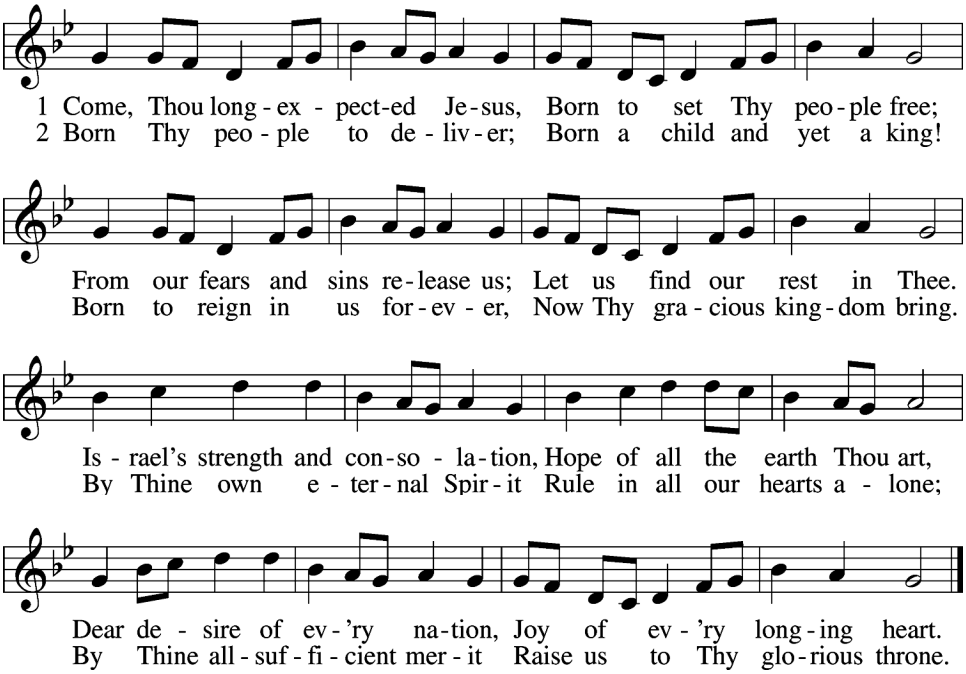
Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Congregation: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



The Trinity Messenger

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL

A Christian Funeral was held here on Saturday, December 19th for Vivian Kleppek. Vivian passed away on Saturday, December 12, 2020. May God comfort the Kleppek Family.

FLOWERS

The altar flowers for today are from Dale and Linda Hopf in honor of Linda's birthday. Happy birthday Linda. God's blessings to you.

The tall pedestal flowers are from Elisabeth Metz's Germany Family in remembrance of Elisabeth.

The flowers near the nativity scene are from Mom and Dad for John Born, in honor of his birthday. Happy birthday John. To God be the glory.

December 20
Linda Hopf
Leah Parnitzke
Lucy Roediger

December 21
John Born
Harrison Reiss

December 23
Kimberly Allen

Acolytes
Dec. 20 8:00am Matthew Koenig, Kaitlyn Koenig **10:30am** Sam Parnitzke, Annika Liermann
Dec. 24 3:00pm Addison Lallensack, Annika Liermann **5:00pm** Aaron Schorer, Evan Erdmann
Dec. 25 9:30am Sam Parnitzke
Dec. 27 8:00am Jameson Schmidt, Dylan Elias **10:30am** Aaron Schorer, Joseph Senkbeil

Altar Guild; Dec. 20: Janice Lieffring, Kathy Shircel. **Dec. 21-Jan 3**Viki Grunewald, Donna Wolf
December Ushers: 8:00am Team 3 **10:30am** Team 6
December Elders: 8:00am Jim Post **10:30am** Mark Plocar
Video Operators: Dec. 20: Jim Post **Dec. 24: 5:00pm** Mark Schorer
Dec. 25: Lance Liermann **Dec. 27:** Scott Timm

Financials for December 9 December 13	10:30am—34 8:00am 81	6:30pm—36 10:30am 69	Total—70 Total—150
Description of Offering	**Amount Given**	**Description of Offering**	**Amount Given**
General Fund	$5,878.50	Preschool Tuition	$125.00
Deaf Ministry	$25.00	Church Improvement Fund	$285.00
Kitchen Remodel Fund	$50.00	Sunday School Childrens Offering	$4.25

Monday December 21	Tuesday, December 22	Wednesday, December 23	Thursday December 24	Friday, December 25	Saturday December 26	Sunday, December 27
8:30am Preschool	**8:30am** Preschool .	**7:30am** LHS Bible Study **8:30am** Preschool **4:30-6** Confirmation	**3:00, 5:00, 7:00pm** Family Candle-light Worship	**9:30am** Family Worship with Holy Communion		**8:00 & 10:30am** Family Worship **9:15am** Bible Class & Sunday School